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PART I. NONE

PART II. SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

D. NEW ITEMS

ITM001 CAT:UNK U/I NAVAL AUXILIARY (NEW)

REQ:

CTY:VN 204718N1065050E INT:FCO HAIPHONG

URG:

SLR:

IFR:

UTM:48QXJ746081

STA:TPN

DES:THE UNIDENTIFIED NAVAL AUXILIARY IS APPROXIMATELY
FEET IN LENGTH AND HAS A BLOCK-LIKE SUPERSTRUCTURE WITH
STACK AMIDSHIPS AND A CANVAS-COVERED AREA TO THE REAR.
(POSSIBLY TWO) LIGHT MACHINE GUNS ARE MOUNTED ATOP THE
STRUCTURE. A BOOM APPEARS TO BE IN FRONT OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE
ALONG WITH TWO KINGPOST-TYPE (OR GOALPOST) MASTS. THE
OF UPRIGHTS APPEARS TO BE KMFM. THIS IS APPARENTLY THE
OBSERVATION OF THIS TYPE VESSEL IN HAIPHONG, AND ITS
STRUCUTRE AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION FEATURES ARE SIMILAR
OF SC, MS, MSA, AND SIMILAR VESSELS. THERE IS NO KNOWN
OF THIS TYPE IN THE NVN ORDER OF BATTLE OR THE INVENTORY
MERCHANT VESSELS.

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ITM002 NEW QUAY CONSTRUCTION, HAIPHONG

CTY:VN 205155N1064120E INT:PCO HAIPHONG

URG:

SLR:

IFR:

UTM:48QXJ759080

STA:UCO

RMK:CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE FINAL 300 FEET OF THE NEW QUAY.
THE PILE DRIVER APPEARS INACTIVE, INDICATING THAT THIS PHASE OF
THE ACTIVITY IS COMPLETE. THE FILLING OF THE REMAINING AREA WITH
ROCK AND GRAVEL IS STILL IN PROGRESS. A TRAVELLING PORTAL CRANE
BODY IS OBSERVED ON AN UNFINISHED PORTION OF THE QUAY. THE CRANE
(APPARENTLY NEWLY ACQUIRED) IS UPSIDE-DOWN WITH ITS FOUR CURVED
UPRIGHTS IN THE AIR. THERE IS A POSSIBLE GOOSENECK SECTION
ALONGSIDE THE CRANE BODY. A NEW LIGHT TOWER HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED
ON THE WESTERNMOST PORTION OF THE NEW QUAY. THE WESTERNMOST AREA
OF THE ORIGINAL WHARF IS APPARENTLY BEING FILLED IN, POSSIBLY TO
ALLOW A RAIL TO BE LAID TO THE NEW QUAY.

ITM003 CAT:UNK PROB NVN LST, AQ

CTY:VN 204720N1065240E INT:FCO HA OLW

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Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

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URG: SLR: IFR: UTM:480XJ742085

STA:TRN

DES:THE RECONVERTED LST (AO) IS ANCHORED IN MIDSTREAM IN THE VICINITY OF SHIPYARD NO. 4. IT WAS LAST OBSERVED [REDACTED] AT THE HON NIEU ISLAND ANCHORAGE IN THE VICINITY OF VINH. THE VESSEL APPARENTLY HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MERCHANT FLEET, EITHER PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY, SINCE THE STERN OF THE VESSEL IS OBSERVED TO HAVE TWO POSSIBLE LINES OF NUMBERS/LETTERS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED SINCE LAST OBSERVATION. THESE TWO LINES USUALLY INDICATE A DRV MERCHANT VESSEL'S NAME/NUMBER AND HOME PORT. IF THIS VESSEL IS A NEW ADDITION TO THE MERCHANT FLEET THEN IT WOULD BE THE FOURTH TANKER. THE OTHER TANKERS ARE THE CUU LONG, HAIPHONG, AND THE U/I AOL (REFERRED TO UNOFFICIALLY AS THE VIET TRUNG). (REF, ITEM 005)

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